

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting an identifying signal in an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing system, comprising the steps of:

modulating said signal;

5 transforming said modulated signal to create an OFDM signal having a plurality of sub-carriers wherein a first subset of said plurality of sub-carriers are allocated pursuant to a standard for transmission of information and a second subset of said plurality of sub-carriers are allocated pursuant to said standard as inactive subcarriers that do not carry information; and

10 transmitting said identifying signal on one or more of said inactive sub-carriers for at least a portion of time, wherein said identifying signal identifies a transmitter.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said modulation step further comprises the step of differentially modulating said identifying signal in the frequency domain.

15 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said inactive sub-carriers will be modulated in accordance with a predefined transmitter identifier information value.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said inactive sub-carriers carrying said identifying signal are transmitted at a reduced power.

20 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of mapping an identifying value of said identifying signal onto a set of complex symbols.

25 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said inactive sub-carriers carrying said identifying signal are transmitted with each OFDM symbol.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said transforming step implements an Inverse Fast Fourier Transform.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said transforming step implements an orthogonal transform.

9. (Currently Amended) An orthogonal frequency division multiplexing transmitter for transmitting an OFDM signal, comprising:

an encoder for modulating said OFDM signal;

a transformer for creating said OFDM signal having a plurality of sub-carriers wherein a first subset of said plurality of sub-carriers are allocated pursuant to a standard for transmission of information and a second subset of said plurality of sub-carriers are allocated pursuant to said standard as inactive subcarriers that do not carry information; and

means for inserting an identifying signal on one or more of said inactive sub-carriers for at least a portion of time, wherein said identifying signal identifies a transmitter.

10. (Previously Presented) The transmitter of claim 9, wherein said encoder differentially modulates said OFDM signal in the frequency domain.

11. (Original) The transmitter of claim 9, wherein said inactive sub-carriers will be modulated in accordance with a predefined transmitter identifier information value.

12. (Original) The transmitter of claim 9, wherein said inactive sub-carriers carrying said identifying signal are transmitted at a reduced power.

13. (Previously Presented) The transmitter of claim 9, wherein an identifying value of said identifying signal is mapped onto a set of complex symbols.

14. (Original) The transmitter of claim 9, wherein said inactive sub-carriers carrying said identifying signal are transmitted with each OFDM symbol.

15. (Previously Presented) The transmitter of claim 9, wherein said transformer
5 implements an Inverse Fast Fourier Transform.

16. (Original) The transmitter of claim 9, wherein said transformer implements an orthogonal transform.

10 17. (Currently Amended) A method of receiving an identifying signal in an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing system, comprising the steps of:

transforming said received signal to recover an OFDM signal in the frequency domain having a plurality of sub-carriers wherein a first subset of said plurality of sub-carriers are allocated pursuant to a standard for transmission of information and a second subset of said plurality
15 of sub-carriers are allocated pursuant to said standard as inactive subcarriers that do not carry information;

decoding said OFDM signal; and

processing said identifying signal received on one or more of said inactive sub-carriers for at least a portion of time, wherein said identifying signal identifies a transmitter.

20 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein said decoding step further comprises the step of differentially demodulating said OFDM signal in the frequency domain.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said inactive sub-carriers will be
25 demodulated in accordance with a predefined transmitter identifier information value.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said inactive sub-carriers carrying said identifying signal are received at a reduced power.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said inactive sub-carriers carrying said identifying signal are received with each OFDM symbol.

22. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said transforming step implements a Fast Fourier Transform.

23. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said transforming step implements an orthogonal transform.

24. (Currently Amended) An orthogonal frequency division multiplexing receiver for receiving an OFDM signal, comprising:

a transformer for transforming said received signal to recover an OFDM signal in the frequency domain having a plurality of sub-carriers wherein a first subset of said plurality of sub-carriers are allocated pursuant to a standard for transmission of information and a second subset of said plurality of sub-carriers are allocated pursuant to said standard as inactive subcarriers that do not carry information;

a decoder for demodulating said OFDM signal; and

means for processing an identifying signal received on one or more of said inactive sub-carriers for at least a portion of time, wherein said identifying signal identifies a transmitter.

25. (Previously Presented) The receiver of claim 24, wherein said decoder differentially demodulates said OFDM signal in the frequency domain.

26. (Original) The receiver of claim 24, wherein said inactive sub-carriers will be demodulated in accordance with a predefined transmitter identifier information value.

27. (Original) The receiver of claim 24, wherein said inactive sub-carriers carrying said identifying signal are received at a reduced power.

28. (Original) The receiver of claim 24, wherein said inactive sub-carriers carrying said identifying signal are received with each OFDM symbol.

29. (Original) The receiver of claim 24, wherein said transformer implements a Fast
5 Fourier Transform.

30. (Original) The receiver of claim 24, wherein said transformer implements an orthogonal transform.